GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PROCUREMENT OF COCONUT CROPS
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are purchasing coconut and pulse crops in the State of Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, its quantum procured during the last year and in the current year till date, State- wise; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by the Government to attract farmers towards the cultivation of coconut and pulses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir. Procurement of Copra under Price Support Scheme (PSS) is being undertaken by NAFED as Central Nodal Agency in these states. The prices of pulses are ruling above the Minimum Support Price announced by the Government of India, therefore, no procurement of pulses is being made at present.

(b): NAFED so far has procured a total quantity of 2,29,253 MTs of milling copra and 5962MTs of ball copra under the PSS during 2000 and 2001 season. The State-wise procurement of copra under PSS so far are as under:-

State	Qty. Purchased(MTs)
Milling Copra	
Kerala	84385
Tamil Nadu	112023
Andhra Pradesh	16257
Lakshadweep	5531
A&N Islands	10035
Goa	1022
Total	229253
Ball Copra	
Andhra Pradesh	3
Karnataka	5959
	5962

(c): For promoting coconut cultivation, Government of India is implementing the following programmes:-

(i) Production of quality planting material;

(ii) Area expansion;

(iii) Integrated farming kin coconut holdings for productivity improvement;

(iv) Technology demonstrations;

(v) Marketing promotion and statistics;and

(vi) Information technology.

For promotion of cultivation of pulses, Government of India is implementing a CentrallySponsored Scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) in the country forincreasing the production and productivity of pulses. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided for inputs like production and distribution of certified seeds, seeds minikits, improved farm implements, rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients, integrated pest management and distribution of sprinkler sets etc. In addition field demonstrations and farmers` training are also being organised for the transfer of improved production & protection technologies to the farmers` fields for increasing the production of pulses in the country.